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In re Application of: )  
Edward W. JOHANN ) Confirmation No.: 3008  
Application No.: 10/642,767 ) Group Art Unit: 2833  
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For: INTEGRATED LATCHING AND ELECTRICAL )  
CONNECTING DEVICE AND METHOD )

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, to which a response is due with one extension by January 10, 2005. Entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested, since the amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal while not raising any new issues which require further consideration and/or search.

Any further extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2036.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.